



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 465**

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Substitute House Bill No. 6713

*House of Representatives, April 20, 2005*

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. SAYERS of the 60th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-48a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

3 On and after January 1, 2002, each birth certificate shall [contain the  
4 name of the birth mother, except by the order of a court of competent  
5 jurisdiction, and] be filed with the name of the birth mother recorded.  
6 Not later than forty-five days after receipt of an order from a court of  
7 competent jurisdiction, the Department of Public Health shall create a  
8 replacement certificate in accordance with the court's order. Such  
9 replacement certificate shall include all information required to be  
10 included in a certificate of birth of this state as of the date of the birth.  
11 When a certified copy of such certificate of birth is requested by an  
12 eligible party, as provided in section 7-51, a copy of the replacement  
13 certificate shall be provided. The department shall seal the original

14 certificate of birth in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c)  
15 of section 19a-42. Immediately after a replacement certificate has been  
16 prepared, the department shall transmit an exact copy of such  
17 certificate to the registrar of vital statistics of the town of birth and to  
18 any other registrar as the department deems appropriate. The town  
19 shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of section 19a-42.

20 Sec. 2. Subsection (f) of section 10-206 of the general statutes is  
21 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
22 *October 1, 2005*):

23 (f) On and after February 1, 2004, each local or regional board of  
24 education shall report to the local health department and the  
25 Department of Public Health, on an annual basis, the total number of  
26 pupils per school and per school district having a diagnosis of asthma  
27 [recorded on such health assessment forms to the local health  
28 department and the Department of Public Health] (1) at the time of  
29 public school enrollment, (2) in grade six or seven, and (3) in grade ten  
30 or eleven. The report shall contain the asthma information collected as  
31 required under subsections (b) and (c) of this section and shall include  
32 pupil age, gender, race, ethnicity and school. Beginning on October 1,  
33 2004, and every three years thereafter, the Department of Public Health  
34 shall review the asthma screening information reported pursuant to  
35 this section and shall submit a report to the joint standing committees  
36 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
37 public health and education concerning asthma trends and  
38 distributions among pupils enrolled in the public schools. The report  
39 shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a  
40 and shall include, but not be limited to, trends and findings based on  
41 pupil age, gender, race, ethnicity, school and the education reference  
42 group, as determined by the Department of Education for the town or  
43 regional school district in which such school is located.

44 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 17b-90 of the general statutes is  
45 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
46 *October 1, 2005*):

47 (b) No person shall, except for purposes directly connected with the  
48 administration of programs of the Department of Social Services and in  
49 accordance with the regulations of the commissioner, solicit, disclose,  
50 receive or make use of, or authorize, knowingly permit, participate in  
51 or acquiesce in the use of, any list of the names of, or any information  
52 concerning, persons applying for or receiving assistance from the  
53 Department of Social Services or persons participating in a program  
54 administered by said department, directly or indirectly derived from  
55 the records, papers, files or communications of the state or its  
56 subdivisions or agencies, or acquired in the course of the performance  
57 of official duties. The Commissioner of Social Services shall disclose (1)  
58 to any authorized representative of the Labor Commissioner such  
59 information directly related to unemployment compensation,  
60 administered pursuant to chapter 567 or information necessary for  
61 implementation of sections 17b-688b, 17b-688c and 17b-688h and  
62 section 122 of public act 97-2 of the June 18 special session\*, (2) to any  
63 authorized representative of the Commissioner of Mental Health and  
64 Addiction Services any information necessary for the implementation  
65 and operation of the basic needs supplement program or for the  
66 management of and payment for behavioral health services for  
67 applicants for and recipients of state-administered general assistance,  
68 (3) to any authorized representative of the Commissioner of  
69 Administrative Services, or the Commissioner of Public Safety such  
70 information as the state Commissioner of Social Services determines is  
71 directly related to and necessary for the Department of Administrative  
72 Services or the Department of Public Safety for purposes of performing  
73 their functions of collecting social services recoveries and  
74 overpayments or amounts due as support in social services cases,  
75 investigating social services fraud or locating absent parents of public  
76 assistance recipients, (4) to any authorized representative of the  
77 Commissioner of Children and Families necessary information  
78 concerning a child or the immediate family of a child receiving services  
79 from the Department of Social Services, including safety net services, if  
80 the Commissioner of Children and Families or the Commissioner of  
81 Social Services has determined that imminent danger to such child's

82 health, safety or welfare exists to target the services of the family  
83 services programs administered by the Department of Children and  
84 Families, (5) to a town official or other contractor or authorized  
85 representative of the Labor Commissioner such information  
86 concerning an applicant for or a recipient of financial or medical  
87 assistance under state-administered general assistance deemed  
88 necessary by said commissioners to carry out their respective  
89 responsibilities to serve such persons under the programs  
90 administered by the Labor Department that are designed to serve  
91 applicants for or recipients of state-administered general assistance, (6)  
92 to any authorized representative of the Commissioner of Mental  
93 Health and Addiction Services for the purposes of the behavioral  
94 health managed care program established by section 17a-453, [or] (7) to  
95 any authorized representative of the Commissioner of Public Health to  
96 carry out his or her respective responsibilities under programs that  
97 regulate child day care services or youth camps, or (8) to a health  
98 insurance provider, in IV-D support cases, as defined in section 46b-  
99 231, information concerning a child and the custodial parent of such  
100 child that is necessary to enroll such child in a health insurance plan  
101 available through such provider when the noncustodial parent of such  
102 child is under court order to provide health insurance coverage but is  
103 unable to provide such information, provided the Commissioner of  
104 Social Services determines, after providing prior notice of the  
105 disclosure to such custodial parent and an opportunity for such parent  
106 to object, that such disclosure is in the best interests of the child. No  
107 such representative shall disclose any information obtained pursuant  
108 to this section, except as specified in this section. Any applicant for  
109 assistance provided through said department shall be notified that, if  
110 and when such applicant receives benefits, the department will be  
111 providing law enforcement officials with the address of such applicant  
112 upon the request of any such official pursuant to section 17b-16a.

113 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 19a-179 of the general statutes is  
114 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
115 *October 1, 2005*):

116 (b) The commissioner may issue an emergency medical technician  
117 certificate to an applicant who presents evidence satisfactory to the  
118 commissioner that the applicant (1) is currently certified as an  
119 emergency medical technician in good standing in any New England  
120 state, New York or New Jersey, (2) has completed an initial training  
121 program consistent with the United States Department of  
122 Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
123 [paramedic] emergency medical technician curriculum, and (3) has no  
124 pending disciplinary action or unresolved complaint against him or  
125 her.

126 Sec. 5. Section 19a-490b of the general statutes is amended by  
127 adding subsection (e) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

128 (NEW) (e) Each institution licensed pursuant to this chapter that  
129 ceases to operate shall, at the time it relinquishes its license to the  
130 department, provide to the department a certified document  
131 specifying the location at which patient health records will be stored  
132 and the procedure that has been established for patients, former  
133 patients or their authorized representatives to secure access to such  
134 health records.

135 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 19a-493 of the general statutes is  
136 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
137 *October 1, 2005*):

138 (a) Upon receipt of an application for an initial license, the  
139 Department of Public Health, subject to the provisions of section 19a-  
140 491a, shall issue such license if, upon conducting a scheduled  
141 inspection and investigation, it finds that the applicant and facilities  
142 meet the requirements established under section 19a-495, provided a  
143 license shall be issued to or renewed for an institution, as defined in  
144 subsection (d), (e) or (f) of section 19a-490, only if such institution is not  
145 otherwise required to be licensed by the state. Upon receipt of an  
146 application for an initial license to establish, conduct, operate or  
147 maintain an institution, as defined in subsection (d), (e) or (f) of section  
148 19a-490, and prior to the issuance of such license, the commissioner

149 may issue a provisional license for a term not to exceed twelve months  
150 upon such terms and conditions as the commissioner may require. If  
151 an institution, as defined in subsections (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of  
152 section 19a-490, applies for license renewal and has been certified as a  
153 provider of services by the United States Department of Health and  
154 Human Resources under Medicare or Medicaid programs within the  
155 immediately preceding twelve-month period, or if an institution, as  
156 defined in subsection (b) of section 19a-490, is currently certified, the  
157 commissioner or the commissioner's designee may waive the  
158 inspection and investigation of such facility required by this section  
159 and, in such event, any such facility shall be deemed to have satisfied  
160 the requirements of section 19a-495 for the purposes of licensure. Such  
161 license shall be valid for two years or a fraction thereof and shall  
162 terminate on March thirty-first, June thirtieth, September thirtieth or  
163 December thirty-first of the appropriate year. A license issued  
164 pursuant to this chapter, other than a provisional license or a nursing  
165 home license, unless sooner suspended or revoked, shall be renewable  
166 biennially [ , without charge,] after an unscheduled inspection is  
167 conducted by the department, and upon the filing by the licensee, and  
168 approval by the department, of a report upon such date and containing  
169 such information in such form as the department prescribes and  
170 satisfactory evidence of continuing compliance with requirements, and  
171 in the case of an institution, as defined in subsection (d), (e) or (f) of  
172 section 19a-490, after inspection of such institution by the department.  
173 Each license shall be issued only for the premises and persons named  
174 in the application and shall not be transferable or assignable. Licenses  
175 shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the licensed premises.

176 Sec. 7. Section 20-11a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
177 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

178 (a) No person shall participate in an intern or resident physician  
179 program or United States medical officer candidate training program  
180 until such person has received a permit issued by the Department of  
181 Public Health. The permit shall be issued solely for purposes of  
182 participation in graduate education as an intern, resident or medical

183 officer candidate in a hospital or hospital-based program. No person  
184 shall receive a permit until a statement has been filed with the  
185 department on the applicant's behalf by the hospital administrator  
186 certifying that the applicant is to be appointed an intern, resident or  
187 medical officer candidate in the hospital or hospital-based program  
188 and that the applicant has received the degree of doctor of medicine,  
189 osteopathic medicine or its equivalent and, if educated outside the  
190 United States or Canada (1) has successfully completed all components  
191 of a "fifth pathway program" conducted by an American medical  
192 school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education or  
193 the American Osteopathic Association, (2) received certification from  
194 the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, (3) has  
195 successfully completed the examination for licensure prescribed by the  
196 department pursuant to section 20-10, or (4) holds a current valid  
197 license in another state or territory.

198 (b) No person shall participate in a clinical clerkship program unless  
199 such person is (1) a student in a medical school located in the United  
200 States or Canada accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical  
201 Education or the American Osteopathic Association; or (2) is a third or  
202 fourth year student in a medical school located outside the United  
203 States or Canada, provided the clerkship is conducted within a  
204 program that is based in a hospital that has a residency program  
205 accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical  
206 Education or the American Osteopathic Association in the clinical area  
207 of the clerkship or within a program that is based in a hospital that is a  
208 primary affiliated teaching hospital of a medical school accredited by  
209 the Liaison Committee on Medical Education.

210 Sec. 8. Section 20-198 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
211 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

212 (a) No person shall be granted [such] a license to practice veterinary  
213 medicine, surgery or dentistry until the department finds that such  
214 person (1) was graduated with the degree of doctor of veterinary  
215 medicine, or its equivalent, from a school of veterinary medicine,

216 surgery or dentistry which, at the time such person graduated, was  
217 accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association, [if such  
218 school is located in the United States, its territories or Canada,] or (2) if  
219 graduated from a school located outside of the United States, its  
220 territories or Canada, has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the  
221 department that such person has completed a degree program  
222 equivalent in level, content and purpose to the degree of doctor of  
223 veterinary medicine as granted by a school of veterinary medicine,  
224 surgery or dentistry [which] that is accredited by the American  
225 Veterinary Medical Association. No person who was graduated from a  
226 school of veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry [which] that is not  
227 accredited by the American veterinary Medical Association and that is  
228 located outside the United States, its territories or Canada shall be  
229 granted a license unless such person has also received certification  
230 from the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates or  
231 Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence.

232 (b) The department may, under such regulations as the  
233 Commissioner of Public Health may adopt, in accordance with chapter  
234 54, with the advice and assistance of the board, deny eligibility for  
235 licensure to a graduate of a school [which] that has been found to have  
236 provided fraudulent or inaccurate documentation regarding either the  
237 school's educational program or the academic credentials of graduates  
238 of the school's program or to have failed to meet educational standards  
239 prescribed in such regulations.

240 Sec. 9. Section 20-200 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
241 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

242 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 20-198, as amended  
243 by this act, the Department of Public Health may issue a license by  
244 endorsement to any veterinarian of good professional character who is  
245 currently licensed and practicing in some other state or territory,  
246 having requirements for admission determined by the department to  
247 be at least equal to the requirements of this state, upon the payment of  
248 a fee of four hundred fifty dollars to said department.



249 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 20-198, as amended by this  
250 act, the department may, upon payment of a fee of four hundred fifty  
251 dollars, issue a license without examination to a currently practicing,  
252 competent veterinarian in another state or territory who (1) holds a  
253 current valid license in good professional standing issued after  
254 examination by another state or territory [which] that maintains  
255 licensing standards which, except for examination, are commensurate  
256 with this state's standards, and (2) has worked continuously as a  
257 licensed veterinarian in an academic or clinical setting in another state  
258 or territory for a period of not less than five years immediately  
259 preceding the application for licensure without examination. No  
260 license shall be issued under this section to any applicant against  
261 whom professional disciplinary action is pending or who is the subject  
262 of an unresolved complaint. The department shall inform the board  
263 annually of the number of applications it receives for licensure under  
264 this section.

265 (b) The Department of Public Health may issue a temporary permit  
266 to an applicant for licensure without examination upon receipt of a  
267 completed application form, accompanied by the fee for licensure  
268 without examination, a copy of a current license from another state of  
269 the United States, the District of Columbia or a commonwealth or  
270 territory subject to the laws of the United States, and a notarized  
271 affidavit attesting that the license is valid and belongs to the person  
272 requesting notarization. Such temporary permit shall be valid for a  
273 period not to exceed one hundred twenty calendar days and shall not  
274 be renewable. The department shall not issue a temporary permit  
275 under this section to any applicant against whom professional  
276 disciplinary action is pending, or who is the subject of an unresolved  
277 complaint.

278 Sec. 10. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 20-236 of the  
279 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
280 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

281 (a) (1) Any person desiring to obtain a license as a barber shall apply

282 in writing on forms furnished by the Department of Public Health and  
283 shall pay to the department a fee of fifty dollars. The department shall  
284 not issue a license until the applicant has made written application to  
285 the department, setting forth by affidavit that the applicant has (A)  
286 successfully completed the eighth grade, [or has passed an equivalency  
287 examination evidencing such education, prepared by the  
288 Commissioner of Education,] (B) completed a course of not less than  
289 fifteen hundred hours of study in a school approved in accordance  
290 with the provisions of this chapter, or, if trained outside of  
291 Connecticut, in a barber school or college whose requirements are  
292 equivalent to those of a Connecticut barber school or college, and (C)  
293 passed a written examination satisfactory to the department.  
294 Examinations required for licensure under this chapter shall be  
295 prescribed by the department with the advice and assistance of the  
296 board. The department shall establish a passing score for examinations  
297 required under this chapter with the advice and assistance of the  
298 board.

299 Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 20-411 of the general statutes is  
300 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
301 *October 1, 2005*):

302 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section no person  
303 shall be licensed under this chapter until [he] such person has  
304 successfully passed a written examination, the subject and scope of  
305 which shall be determined by the commissioner. Application for such  
306 examination shall be on forms prescribed and furnished by the  
307 department and accompanied by satisfactory proof that [he] the  
308 applicant: (1) Is of good professional character; (2) possesses a master's  
309 or doctorate degree in speech pathology or audiology from a program  
310 accredited, at the time of the applicant's graduation, by the educational  
311 standards board of the American Speech-Language Hearing  
312 Association or such successor organization as may be approved by the  
313 department, or has completed an integrated educational program  
314 which, at the time of the applicant's completion, satisfied the  
315 educational requirements of said organization for the award of a

316 certificate of clinical competence; (3) has had a minimum of thirty-six  
317 weeks and one thousand eighty hours of full-time or a minimum of  
318 forty-eight weeks and one thousand four hundred forty hours of part-  
319 time professional employment in speech pathology or audiology  
320 under the supervision of a licensed or certified speech pathologist or  
321 audiologist. Such employment shall follow the completion of the  
322 educational requirements of subdivision (2) of this subsection. Persons  
323 engaged in such employment under the direct supervision of a person  
324 holding a valid hearing instrument specialist's license or as an  
325 audiologist under this chapter who is authorized to fit and sell hearing  
326 aids pursuant to section 20-398 shall not be required to obtain a  
327 temporary permit pursuant to section 20-400. [Full-time employment]  
328 "Full-time employment" means a minimum of thirty hours a week and  
329 [part-time employment] "part-time employment" means a minimum of  
330 fifteen hours a week. The postgraduate supervised employment  
331 requirements of subdivision (3) of this subsection shall be waived for  
332 persons who meet the January 1, 2007, Standards for the Certificate of  
333 Clinical Competence in Audiology of the American Speech-Language  
334 Hearing Association, or its successor organization.

335 Sec. 12. Section 20-250 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
336 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

337 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

338 (1) "Board" means the Connecticut Examining Board for Barbers,  
339 Hairdressers and Cosmeticians established under section 20-235a;

340 (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health;

341 (3) "Department" means the Department of Public Health;

342 (4) "Hairdressing and cosmetology" means the art of dressing,  
343 arranging, curling, waving, weaving, cutting, singeing, bleaching and  
344 coloring the hair and treating the scalp of any person, and massaging,  
345 cleansing, stimulating, manipulating, exercising or beautifying with  
346 the use of the hands, appliances, cosmetic preparations, antiseptics,

347 tonics, lotions, creams, powders, oils or clays and doing similar work  
348 on the face, neck and arms, and manicuring the fingernails of any  
349 person for compensation, provided nothing in this subdivision shall  
350 prohibit an unlicensed person from performing facials, eyebrow  
351 arching, shampooing, manicuring of the fingernails or, for cosmetic  
352 purposes only, trimming, filing and painting the healthy toenails,  
353 excluding cutting nail beds, corns and calluses or other medical  
354 treatment involving the foot or ankle, or braiding hair;

355 (5) "Registered hairdresser and cosmetician" means any person who  
356 (A) has successfully completed the ninth grade, [or has passed an  
357 equivalency examination, evidencing such education, prepared by the  
358 Commissioner of Education and conducted by the Department of  
359 Public Health,] and (B) holds a license to practice as a registered  
360 hairdresser and cosmetician; and

361 (6) "Student" means any person who is engaged in learning or  
362 acquiring a knowledge of hairdressing and cosmetology at a school  
363 approved in accordance with the provisions of this chapter who has  
364 successfully completed ninth grade or its equivalent. The provisions of  
365 this subdivision shall not apply to schools conducted by the State  
366 Board of Education.

367 Sec. 13. Section 20-252 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
368 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

369 No person shall engage in the occupation of registered hairdresser  
370 and cosmetician without having obtained a license from the  
371 department. Persons desiring such licenses shall apply in writing on  
372 forms furnished by the department. No license shall be issued, except a  
373 renewal of a license, to a registered hairdresser and cosmetician unless  
374 the applicant has shown to the satisfaction of the department that the  
375 applicant has complied with the laws and the regulations administered  
376 or adopted by the department. No applicant shall be licensed as a  
377 registered hairdresser and cosmetician, except by renewal of a license,  
378 until the applicant has made written application to the department,  
379 setting forth by affidavit that the applicant has successfully completed

380 the eighth grade [or has passed an equivalency examination,  
 381 evidencing such education, prepared by the Commissioner of  
 382 Education] and that the applicant has completed a course of not less  
 383 than fifteen hundred hours of study in a school approved in  
 384 accordance with the provisions of this chapter, in a school teaching  
 385 hairdressing and cosmetology under the supervision of the State Board  
 386 of Education, or, if trained outside of Connecticut, in a school teaching  
 387 hairdressing and cosmetology whose requirements are equivalent to  
 388 those of a Connecticut school and until the applicant has passed a  
 389 written examination satisfactory to the department. Examinations  
 390 required for licensure under this chapter shall be prescribed by the  
 391 department with the advice and assistance of the board. The  
 392 department shall establish a passing score for examinations with the  
 393 advice and assistance of the board which shall be the same as the  
 394 passing score established in section 20-236, as amended by this act.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                 |              |
| Section 1   | October 1, 2005 | 7-48a        |
| Sec. 2  | October 1, 2005 | 10-206(f)    |
| Sec. 3  | October 1, 2005 | 17b-90(b)    |
| Sec. 4  | October 1, 2005 | 19a-179(b)   |
| Sec. 5  | October 1, 2005 | 19a-490b     |
| Sec. 6  | October 1, 2005 | 19a-493(a)   |
| Sec. 7  | October 1, 2005 | 20-11a       |
| Sec. 8  | October 1, 2005 | 20-198       |
| Sec. 9  | October 1, 2005 | 20-200       |
| Sec. 10   | October 1, 2005 | 20-236(a)(1) |
| Sec. 11   | October 1, 2005 | 20-411(a)    |
| Sec. 12   | October 1, 2005 | 20-250       |
| Sec. 13   | October 1, 2005 | 20-252       |

**PH**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### **State Impact:**

| Agency Affected      | Fund-Effect       | FY 06 \$          | FY 07 \$          |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Public Health, Dept. | GF - Revenue Gain | Potential Minimal | Potential Minimal |

Note: GF=General Fund

#### **Municipal Impact:**

| Municipalities                      | Effect | FY 06 \$ | FY 07 \$ |
|-------------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|
| Local and Regional School Districts | Cost   | Minimal  | Minimal  |

### **Explanation**

**Section 1** clarifies current statute concerning the procedure for amending a birth certificate in the case of a gestational agreement and has no associated fiscal impact.

**Section 2** results in a minimal cost to local and regional school districts due to increased record keeping with regard to reporting requirements concerning asthma. Current law requires record keeping based on student health assessments. This bill would require reporting at the time of public school enrollment in specific grades. It is anticipated that local and regional school districts could handle this additional record keeping within existing resources.

**Section 3** authorizes the Department of Social Services (DSS) to disclose certain information to the Department of Public Health (DPH) and results in no fiscal impact to either agency.

A minimal number of additional individuals may seek certification as an emergency medical technician (EMT) given a policy change contained within **Section 4**. No fiscal impact is anticipated to result, since EMTs do not pay fees for certification.

**Section 5** requires a health care institution at the time of closure to provide a certified document to the DPH specifying where patient health records will be stored and the procedure by which patients may access records. No fiscal impact is associated with this provision.

**Section 6** conforms Section 19a-493 to both Section 19a-491(a) CGS and current practice. No fiscal impact is associated with this change.

**Section 7** expands the locations in which an intern, resident or medical officer candidate can participate in graduate medical education to include a hospital-based program. No fiscal impact is associated with this change.

**Section 8** makes a technical change and results in no fiscal impact.

**Section 9** authorizes the department to issue a temporary permit without examination to a veterinarian holding a license from another state, commonwealth or territory of the United States. A minimal number of individuals may pay a licensure fee of \$450 as a result.

**Section 10, 12 and 13** delete obsolete statutory references and have no associated fiscal impact.

**Section 11** authorizes the DPH to waive postgraduate supervised employment requirements for certain speech-language pathologists and audiologists. It is anticipated that accredited education programs will have incorporated these standards into their curriculum by 2007. No fiscal impact is anticipated to result from this change.

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**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 6713*****AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES*****SUMMARY:**

This bill makes a number of substantive and technical changes related to health care practitioners and institutions regulated by the Department of Public Health (DPH). Specifically it:

1. expands reporting requirements regarding the prevalence of asthma among students in Connecticut;
2. addresses protection and access to medial records in the possession of health care institutions ceasing operations;
3. allows medical school graduates in internships, residencies, and clinical clerkships to participate in hospital-based programs;
4. allows veterinarians to practice under temporary permits under certain conditions;
5. changes the procedure for amending a birth certificate in the case of a gestational agreement;
6. allows DPH to waive postgraduate supervised employment requirements for speech-language pathologists and audiologists who meet certain standards;
7. changes one of the requirements for reciprocity for emergency medical technicians from other states;
8. directs the social services commissioner to disclose to any authorized representative of the DPH commissioner information to carry out his responsibilities under programs regulating child day care services or youth camps;



9. deletes an obsolete reference to passage of an equivalency examination contained in the licensing statutes for barbers and hairdressers; and
10. makes a technical change removing incorrect language concerning "no charge" for certain health care institution licenses; another statute (CGS § 19a-491(a)) lists a fee schedule.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2005

### **REPORTING OF STUDENTS WITH ASTHMA**

The law requires each local or regional school board to report to the local health department and DPH the number of pupils per school and per district with an asthma diagnosis as recorded on the required student health assessment forms. By law, students must undergo health assessments at the time of enrollment, in either grade six or seven, and in either grade 10 or 11. This bill requires reporting of an asthma diagnosis, whether or not it is recorded on the health assessment form, at the intervals listed above.

### **MEDICAL RECORDS OF A HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION CEASING OPERATIONS**

The bill requires each licensed health care institution ceasing operations to give DPH, at the time it turns over its license to the department, a certified document specifying its where patient records will be stored and the procedures for patients, former patients, and authorized representatives to access them.

### **GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION**

Current law on permits issued to medical school graduates allows for the participation in graduate medical education as an intern, resident, or medical officer candidate in a hospital. Current law governing clinical clerkships also allows medical students to participate in training in a hospital. The bill allows for the participation in graduate medical education as an intern, resident, or medical officer candidate or clinical clerkships outside of the hospital in "hospital-based" programs.

### **VETERINARIANS**

The bill allows DPH to issue a 120-day temporary permit to a veterinarian license applicant holding a license in good standing from another state or jurisdiction seeking licensure without examination. The applicant must complete an application form, pay a \$450 fee, provide a copy of his license from another state or jurisdiction of the United States and present a notarized affidavit attesting to its validity. The temporary permit is not renewable. DPH cannot issue a temporary permit to an applicant facing professional disciplinary action or who is the subject of an unresolved complaint.

### **BIRTH CERTIFICATES**

The bill clarifies the procedure for amending a birth certificate in the case of a gestational agreement by specifying that the hospital must record the name of the birth mother on the birth record regardless of whether a court order has been issued. By law, it is DPH's responsibility to follow up on the court order and subsequently make a replacement birth record to reflect the names of the intended parents.

### **SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS**

One of the requirements for licensure as a speech pathologist or audiologist is a minimum of 36 weeks and 1,080 hours of full-time or a minimum of 48 weeks and 1,440 hours of part-time professional employment in speech pathology or audiology under the supervision of a licensed or certified speech pathologist or audiologist. This bill waives the supervised employment requirements for those meeting the January 1, 2007 Standards for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association, or its successor.

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS**

The law allows DPH to issue an emergency medical technician (EMT) certificate to an applicant presenting satisfactory evidence of (1) current certification in good standing in any New England state, New York, or New Jersey; (2) completion of an initial training program consistent with the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration paramedic curriculum; and (3) no pending disciplinary action or unresolved complaint.

The bill amends the second criteria by referencing the "emergency

medical technician” curriculum instead of the “paramedic curriculum.”

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 26      Nay 0